

I know the government could care less about what I am about to say, their track record with my profession speaks for it's self. None the less, I am a registered voter and it might just take one vote you know! I am an over the road truck driver and frankly regular bands on land line radio do not serve my needs. I have static, stupidity, or no signal after 15 to 20 miles. FM and most AM has completely gotten away from information needed by the motoring public. XM meets the needs of EVERYONE not just the locals. I can have information when I need it and I do not have to wait for the stupidity to be over only to lose my signal because I just drove out of the area! Wake up FCC! There are more people in the world than those with a 10 mile commute everyday! If the radio stations are threatened let them improve their programming.

I have not always been a truck driver. I spent 18 years in the broadcast industry! I have seen how lax the FCC has gotten. I had to drive to Atlanta to take a test to receive my 3rd class broadcast license. I was really proud of the accomplishment! What happened? It was changed. Now you just fill out a form to get one. No big deal and no knowledge of how things work are needed. You loosened up on the jerks that are on the air these days now loosen up on XM who seem to truly be there for the needs of their listeners!

I urge you to reject NAB's petition 04-160. I pay for the programming I receive on XM. I pay for the information I receive. It is no business of the NAB! Am I mistaken? I thought this was the land of the free? I should be free to purchase programming I need that the so called free radio stations can't (or won't) provide.

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